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Dear Dave:

I was delighted to get your letter of January 16 confirming the coming of a Soviet specialist in the person of [redacted] Your letter did not reach me until Tuesday, January 23.

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I am replying before all the details are completed here, but I would propose the following schedule and I can foresee no problems which would prevent its implementation.

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I suggest that [redacted] arrive some time on Monday, February 5 and that his first activity be that evening at 7:00 or 7:30 when there will be an informal gathering with him sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha and perhaps cosponsored by the history honorary society, Phi Alpha Theta. Coffee and cookies will be served. I suggest that [redacted] be prepared to make some brief introductory remarks, from ten to 20 minutes approximately, emphasizing internal or external Soviet policies as he sees fit. If he feels equally comfortable with both, perhaps he might touch on both. My guess would be that the average non-specialist student group might find it easier to comprehend foreign policy than the internal political system.

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On Tuesday morning at 9:00 A.M., he would come to my class on Russian internal politics and that afternoon at 2:00 to my seminar on international relations. On Wednesday, February 7 at 1:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) he would address a class combining students from a course in Soviet history and contemporary political theory, with the possibility of other instructors bringing in their classes if they wish. Here, as in my own classes he might wish to have some prepared remarks to open the 50-minute class hour, but the bulk of the hour could be left to questions. My seminar is for two hours, not fifty minutes. He could then return to Washington on Wednesday after the 1:00 P.M. class.

We certainly approve the idea of his staying two and a half instead of one and a half days. All things considered, it would be very desirable to limit the questions to Soviet politics and avoid any discussion of the CIA in class. Many thanks again. Please let us know if we should

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make a motel reservation for [redacted] or meet him at the airport, which is customarily Columbus, Georgia, or Montgomery. I look forward to your reply on Yugoslavia. STAT

Sincerely,

Jake

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JW:jhh

P.S. Your letter of January 22 reached me before this letter to you was typed and I will add a paragraph to cover the points you raise. Columbus is the usual airport for persons coming from Washington or New York, although it could also be Montgomery if the schedule favors it. If he will let me know his flight number we will meet him at either airport and take him to Auburn. We will, of course, also take him back to the airport on Wednesday.

By the time [redacted] arrives here I will have covered all phases of the economic background of Soviet totalitarianism and the political background using in part my own book. ^{My comments} They should be especially sharp, therefore, on questions concerning standard of living, heavy vs. light industry, and the like. I might well have started them on the Stalinist technique of the terror by the time [redacted] arrives. Topics concerning the mechanism of repression, the rise of the dissenters since 1966 would be very much in order. I also stress the relationship between internal and external policies at all phases of my lectures. He should be prepared on questions concerning the mechanism of control over Russians going abroad, and the treatment of visitors to the Soviet Union, including the American Embassy and other diplomatic staff. In general, if he is as well versed in Soviet affairs as you have been in Yugoslav affairs, he will have no difficulties at all.

I will make a zerox of the letter from the American professor to the NYT and send it to you early next week. I will also comment on your comments on Yugoslavia at the same time.